

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended version:

Embodiments of methods, devices, and/or systems for data mirroring by a switch in a fabric are described. In a first embodiment a write request is mirrored to targets. The transfer ready returned to the initiator is the smallest of the transfer readies provided by the targets. This is repeated until the write is completed. In a second embodiment if the transfer readies are not for the entire write operation, abort commands and new write commands for a smaller data size are sent to the targets. If the transfer readies for these new writes are for the entire new write operation, a transfer ready is provided to the initiator and data transfers are conducted and new writes for the remaining portion(s) are sent. If the new writes are not for the entire write operation, the abort and smaller write commands are repeated.